Committee on outstanding market loan of States

†1434. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee constituted by the Reserve Bank of India has conducted any study regarding the outstanding market loan of the States;

(b) if so, the amount of loan outstanding to Jharkhand from Central Government and other agencies according to the above study; and

(c) what is the status of payment of these loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, outstanding debt liabilities of the Government of Jharkhand on the basis of 2004-05 (RE) stood at Rs. 13478 crore.

(c) The States in general are repaying their loans as per schedule.

Cheque bounce cases in Delhi and Mumbai

1435. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is number of cheque bounce cases pending in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai at present under the National Instruments Act;

(b) whether the huge pendency is causing considerable delay in the disposal of these cases; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to check the huge pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 empowers the payee of the cheque to file a complaint under Section 141 of the Act against the drawer of the cheque in cases where cheques are dishonoured for insufficient funds. As such it is left to the concerned parties to decide whether to approach the courts or not. The

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